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Cromwell Advertisements

DAVID A. JOLLY & CO.

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL

FAMILY GROCERS,

WINE, SPIRIT, AND GENERAL MERCHANTS.

We desire to intimate that in order to meet the growing exigencies of our business, we have lately built substantial stone additions to our former premises.

At the urgent request of our numerous customers, we have added to our other branches of business, that of

DRAPERY, CROCKERY, & IRONMONGERY.

We would further notify that, having engaged a Buyer in connection with our business to select special lines consigned from the Home and Melbourne markets, we will in future be in a position to offer such superior advantages to our customers as will not fail to ensure a continuance of their liberal patronage, and, more especially, will command the attention and confidence of the Trade, Runholders, and Large Buyers.

DAVID A. JOLLY & CO.

Our GROCERY STOCK comprises:

Teas, of excellent flavour, in chests, half-chests, and boxes
Coffees, from the pure bean, ground on the premises
Cocoa, Chocolate, of the best brands
Sugars: crystals of every shade, and crushed loaf
Bacon, Cheese, Butter: weekly supplies from the best dairies
Jams, Jellies, and Pickles

TOBACCOES.

Imperial, Aromatic, cable-twist—superior Cameron's celebrated brands—Havoclock, Golden Bar, Venus tons
Barrett's Twist, in quarter-tiers and boxes.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

Brandies: Hennessy's, Associated Vineyard, Martell's, in bulk and case
Whiskies: Old Glenury, Islay, Longjohn's, in bulk and case
Rum: Lemon-Hart's
Port: Fine old Offley's, six grape
Sherry: Gonzola, six diamond
Gin: JOKZ Geneva, Nectar, and Kammell
Old Tom: Burnett's, Bernard's
Claret: St. Julien's

IRONMONGERY STOCK consists of

Blasting powder and fuse
Gunpowder, caps, and shot
Long and short handled shovels
Spades, sluce forks
Picks and pickhandles
Gold dishes, hose-pipes
Drills and drilling hammers
Manillas and flax ropes
White lead, castor, boiled, and colza oils
Galvanised and corrugated iron
Stoves and piping

CANVAS, SADDLERY, AND BRUSHWARE.

HOLT'S SEWING MACHINES: CABINET AND HAND.

DRAPERY & CLOTHING DEPARTMENT.

Suits: silk-mixture, Galatea, Pagot, sac Boys' do.
Trousers and Vests: Mosgiel, silk-mixed, tweed, doeskin
Shirts: white dress, crèmeans, scotch twill, tweed
Pants and undershirts, in flannel, lamb's-wool, merino, and cotton
Hosiery and hats

BOOTS & SHOES.

Boots: men's elastic-sides, watertights, half-Wellingtons; Hayward and North British Gum Boots
Women's and children's Boots, Shoes, and Slippers, in calf, kid, and cashmere.
N.B.—All goods in this department are marked at low prices.

CROCKERYWARE.

Breakfast, dinner, and bedroom sets complete
Lamps: parlour, hanging, bracket

FILTERS, VASES, AND LUSTRES.

FANCY GOODS.
Electro-plated Britannia-metal tea and coffee pots; meerschaum and briar pipes—a choice selection; patent medicines; stationery; perfumery.

COLONIAL PRODUCE: Wheat, Oats, Gaff, Pollard, and Potatoes.

D. A. J. & Co. have been appointed sole agents for the sale of Butel Bros.' superior silk-dressed flour, bran, and pollard; and are prepared to promptly execute all orders within a radius of sixty miles.—FLOUR GUARANTEED. TERMS LIBERAL.

SWAN BREWERY,
CROMWELL

G. W. GOODGER . . . Proprietor

The Proprietor is now prepared to supply his unrivalled XXXX ALES in any quantity, delivered throughout the District.

Orders left at the Commercial Hotel, Cromwell, or at the Brewery, will be promptly attended to.

G. W. GOODGER.

MATHERIKIA BREWERY,
ALEXANDRA

THEYERS & BECK beg to announce that they are prepared to supply their SPARKLING XXXX ALES in any quantity.

Delivered free of carriage within twenty miles.

Orders left with

Mr. THEYERS, Alexandra;

Mr. C. E. BECK, Clyde;

or at the Brewery, will be promptly attended to.

THEYERS AND BECK,

BREWERS,

ALIXANDRA.

Cromwell Advertisements

IMPORTANT NOTICE

I. HALLENSTEIN and Co.,

CROMWELL, QUEENSTOWN, LAWRENCE, DUNEDIN, & MELBOURNE,

DIRECT IMPORTERS.

Having just removed into our NEW PREMISES, in respectfully thanking the Public for their past support, and soliciting a continuance of their patronage, we beg to assure them that our object in future will be, in order to meet the increasing demand, to keep a much larger and better-assorted stock of

DRAPERY, CLOTHING, BOOTS, & GENERAL GOODS

than hitherto,—the best, in fact, ever seen out of Dunedin,—which we will sell at prices that will defy competition. Our motto will strictly be

“SMALL PROFITS AND QUICK RETURNS.”

We beg specially to draw attention to our splendid stock of

DRESS GOODS,

Comprising Silks, Poplins, Rapp, Twills, Mohair, Merinos, Llamas, Batistes, Prints, Winceys, Ginghams, Alpacas, Lustres, &c. (We can offer some really good Bargains in the above line.)

Also, Ladies' Trimmed and Untrimmed Hats, latest style, just received from Melbourne.

Our Stock of

UNDERLINEN, CALICOES, BLANKETS, &c. &c.,

Will be found to comprise every quality, and are on sale at extremely low figures.

OUR CLOTHING DEPARTMENT

Is stocked entirely from our DUNEDIN CLOTHING FACTORY.

THE BOOT & SHOE DEPARTMENT

Includes every description of Men's, Women's, and Children's Boots, of all qualities and prices.

A large supply of WHEAT, OATS, BRAN, & POLLARD always on hand.

Being the only authorised agents for

ROBERTSON & HALLENSTEIN'S BRUNSWICK FLOUR MILLS,

LAKE WAKATIPU,

We are prepared to supply their best Silk-dressed Flour, guaranteed equal to Adelaide.

GROCERIES, WINES, SPIRITS, & PROVISIONS.

IRONMONGERY & CROCKERY.

TIMBER AND BUILDING MATERIALS OF ALL DESCRIPTIONS.

PAPERHANGINGS, OILS, & PAINTS.

GRINDERY AND SADDLERY.

PATENT MEDICINES OF ALL KINDS.

FURNITURE AND BEDDING.

We beg to invite the Public to come and inspect the premises and Stock, and judge for themselves.

I. HALLENSTEIN & CO.

WHOLESALE, RETAIL, AND GENERAL MERCHANTS,

MELMORE TERRACE, CROMWELL

Cromwell.

CHEAP HOUSE.**J. SOLOMON,**
CHEAP
DRAPER & CLOTHIER.BUY YOUR
SUMMER DRAPERY, MILLI-
NERY, & CLOTHINGFROM
J. SOLOMON,
IF YOU WANT
HANDSOME & FASHIONABLE GOODS,
AT A REASONABLE PRICE.J. S. respectfully requests the Ladies of
Cromwell and surrounding districts will
pay him a call and examine his Stock
before they make their purchases.MAGNIFICENT STOCK OF
SILK DRESSES
SILK JACKETS
LACE JACKETS
MANTELETTES
TABLIERS
CUIRASS JACKETS
COSTUMES
BLACK DRESS GOODS
LUSTRES
LACE GOODS
COLLARS AND CUFFS
LINEN SETS
GLOVES
SILK SCARFS
RUFFLES
RUFFLING
EMBROIDERY
HANDKERCHIEFS
PARASOLS
RIBBONS
FLOWERS
LADIES' TRIMMED HATS
CHILDREN'S TRIMMED HATSSPLendid ASSORTMENT OF
LADIES', GENTLEMEN'S, AND CHILDREN'S
BOOTS.
LADIES' "DOLLY VARDEN" SHOES.MEN'S, YOUTHS', & BOYS'
CLOTHING,
A Large Variety—suitable for the season.IRONMONGERY,
CROCKERY AND GLASSWARE.JEWELLERY,
Best assortment in Cromwell.
GOLD & SILVER WATCHES
VERY CHEAP.

Fancy Goods, Toys, Books, &c.

J. SOLOMON,
Opposite Council Chambers,
CROMWELL.

Cromwell.

LONDON HOUSE
Drapery Establishment.

Cromwell

B E L F A S T S T O R E,
CLYDE AND CROMWELL
WINES, SPIRITS, GROCERIES, HARD-
WARE, COLONIAL PRODUCE,
&c. &c. &c.**JAMES HAZLETT**Begs to inform the Public of the Dunstan Dis-
trict that, in connection with his established
business of ten years at Clyde; he has opened
EXTENSIVE PREMISES AT CROMWELL,
where he will be able to supply the Trade, Run-
holders, Farmers, and Private Families, with
EVERY CLASS OF GOODS, of the very best
description, at the lowest current rates.JAMES HAZLETT would particularly mention
that in the FLOUR & COLONIAL PRODUCE
BUSINESS he can defy competition, as in that
line, he is in connection with Messrs WHITTING-
HAM BROTHERS, of Queenstown, who are the
largest buyers in the Lake District.J. HAZLETT, being a CASH BUYER in the
Dunedin and Melbourne Markets, feels confident
he can sell the cheapest and best article in the
District, and invites a visit from Purchasers.

Note the address:

JAMES HAZLETT,
CLYDE AND CROMWELL.**WILLIAM TAYLOR,**
BOOTMAKER,
MELMORE STREET CROMWELLBoots and Shoes made to order in the latest and
most approved fashion.**ALL WORK GUARANTEED.**

PRICES MODERATE.

**FREE TRADE BUTCHERY,**
(Wholesale and Retail).**JAMES DAWKINS - PROPRIETOR.**A supply of Beef, Mutton, Veal, Pork, Hams,
Bacon, &c., always on hand.* * * Meat delivered at Town Prices throughout
the district.**CROMWELL BUTCHERY**
(WHOLESALE AND RETAIL).**OWEN PIERCE - PROPRIETOR.**A supply of Meat of all descriptions always on
hand, and sold at the Lowest Prices.**COALS! COALS!! COALS!!!****NEWCASTLE PIT.**WILSON and M'LAUGHLIN, having opened
the Coal Pit known as PLACHEITS, are prepared
to supply COALS of superior quality at the
lowest rate.We have appointed Mr DRURY our Agent
whose receipt for moneys paid shall be binding
on us.

JAMES WILSON

ALEX. M'LAUGHLIN

Witness:

EDWD. A. DRURY.

COALS! COALS!! COALS!!!The Cromwell Coal Works will in future be
carried on by WILLIAMS & HAYES, who
have much pleasure in calling the attention of
the inhabitants of the Cromwell District to their
New Seam of Coal, which is far superior to any
hitherto obtained in the same works, or in any
other portion of the District. They therefore
respectfully solicit a continuance of the patronage
ago heretofore bestowed, with the conviction
that that patronage will be deserved.All orders entrusted to us will be attended to
at once, and on the shortest notice, we intend
to keep a good supply of coals at the pit-mouth.
Coals delivered anywhere, either in or out of the
district, and lowest cartage prices charged.

20s. per ton at the Wks.

32s. .. delivered

16 bags to the ton

WILLIAMS & HAYES,
Coal Works, Cromwell.

Cromwell

**THE CROMWELL BAKERY****J. SCOTT,**
BREAD AND BISCUIT BAKER,
Melmore-street, Cromwell.Families waited on for orders, and Bread
regularly delivered in all parts of the district.**K. PRETSCHE,**
CROMWELL,
COACH AND GENERAL PAINTER,
PAPERHANGER, &c.Has always on hand a fine selection of Paper-
hangings, Paints, Glass, and Mouldings of every
description, at low prices.Contracts undertaken for General Painting,
Paperhanging, Decoration,
and Sign Writing.**THOMAS FOOTE,**
TAILOR AND CLOTHIER,
MELMORE TERRACE,
CROMWELL.

Choice Selection of Tweeds on hand.

HENRICH BEHRENS,
having purchased from Mr La Fontaine
the business lately carried on by him in Crom-
well, as well as**WHEELWRIGHT AND COACH-BUILDER,**
Begs to announce that he will carry on the
same as before, in the premises opposite the
Bank of New South Wales.

Good work guaranteed; and prices moderate.

Repairs promptly executed.

IMPORTANT PUBLIC NOTICE.**GEORGE H. VAUSE,**
SADDLER & HARNESS-MAKER,
Begs most respectfully to inform the inhabitants
of Cromwell and surrounding districts that he
has commenced the above business in the pre-
mises lately occupied by Mr SANSON, Saddler,
where every description of SADDLERY and
HARNESS will always be on hand.Repairs will be done with despatch, and in a
workmanlike manner.

Moderation in prices will be the motto.

A large assortment of first-class goods is now
landing at Dunedin, and will be to hand in a
few days, when inspection will be respectfully
invited.Next to Goodger's Commercial Hotel,
Cromwell.**JOHN MARSH**
BRIDGE HOTEL,Has now, in connection with his other
business, opened a
HAY, CORN, STRAW, AND
CHAFF STORE,
And, in accordance with his usual custom,
intends to give
VALUE FOR MONEY!LAND to Let on Lease for Building
purposes.**GOODS taken in on STORAGE.**
JOHN MARSH.**CROMWELL TIMBER & IRON YARD**
LATE MR GRANT'S
NEW ZEALAND & AMERICAN TIMBER YARD**JAMES TAYLOR,**
Carpenter and Builder, Ironmonger,Has FOR SALE all kinds of Building Materia
suitable for the district.Estimates given for Buildings at the LOWEST
PRICES compatible with Good Material and
Workmanship.Punctuality and attention to all orders may
be relied on.A Large Assortment of Paperhangings,
Paints, Glass, FURNITURE—comprising Chairs,
Tables, Washstands, Iron Bedsteads, &c.Building Ironmongery, Carpenters' and Miners
Tools, Hemp, Wire, and Manilla Rope,
SADDLERY, &c., cheap.**LONDON HOUSE**
Drapery Establishment.

Cromwell.

F O R S A L E.

WANAKA POSTS & RAILS.

A good stock, of the best quality, Cheap for Cash, at JAMES TAYLOR'S Timber Yards.

JAMES TAYLOR, Proprietor.

Cromwell, 14th June, 1875.

WILLIAM WILLIAMS, JOHN HAYES.

Cromwell, 14th June, 1875.

F O R S A L E.

That old-established and flourishing business.

THE SHAMROCK HOTEL, AND GENERAL STORE, BUTCHERY, & BAKERY.

N E V I S. Together with all Buildings, Stock-in-Trade, Furniture, etc.

For further particulars, apply at STARKEY'S Kawarau Hotel, Cromwell, to

DANIEL SCALLY.

Satisfactory reasons given for Selling.

Bannockburn

WILLIAM SUTHERLAND, General

BLACKSMITH & FARRIER.

Begs to intimate to Mining Companies and the public generally that he has removed to

QUARTZVILLE,

where he hopes, by strict attention to business and reasonable charges, to merit a share of the public patronage.

BANNOCKBURN COAL-PIT

BELL AND SMITH

Having purchased the interest of Mr J. KANE in the above-named Pit, beg to intimate that they will carry on business as Coal Merchants under the above style.

The coal from this Pit is admitted to be the best quality produced in the District, and by selling at the lowest current rates, the proprietors hope to receive a continuance of the support they have hitherto been accorded.

Orders punctually attended to.

BANNOCKBURN TIMBER YARD AND CARPENTER'S SHOR.

JAMES TAYLOR,

CROMWELL TIMBER AND IRON YARD,

Begs to inform the Residents of BANNOCKBURN, NEVIS, POTTERS, &c., that in order to meet the increasing requirements of those districts, he has opened a Branch Establishment at Doctor's Flat, opposite Mr Richards' Store.

A good supply of TIMBER and IRON for Building and Mining purposes always on hand.

Best Material and Workmanship Cheap for Cash

BANNOCKBURN HOTEL & STORE,

DOCTOR'S FLAT, BANNOCKBURN,

(On the Main Road to the Nevis).

GROCERIES, CLOTHING, BOOTS, and HOUSEHOLD REQUISITES of all descriptions kept in Stock.

The Goods, being obtained DIRECT from Dunedin, are retailed at the LOWEST POSSIBLE PRICES.

N.P.—Good Stabling, Horse Feed, &c.

JOHN RICHARDS, PROPRIETOR.

CARRICK RANGE HOTEL, QUARTZVILLE.

CHARLES PEAKE,

Proprietor.

The Proprietor, having recently purchased the above well-known and centrally-situated Hotel, is now in a position to offer first-class accommodation to all who may favour him with their patronage.

The Premises are fitted up and furnished on the most complete scale, and the arrangements for the comfort of visitors and travellers are second to none in the district.

COMMODIOUS BILLIARD ROOM, fitted with one of Julius Paser's full-sized tables

AN EXCELLENT SIX-STALLED STABLE, with careful groom always in attendance.

CHARLES PEAKE.

Hotels.

VICTORIA HOTEL, CROMWELL.

JAMES STUART, (late of the Ferry Hotel, Bannockburn,) begs to intimate to his friends and the public that he has purchased the above Hotel, where he hopes, by strict attention to business, and by keeping the best Wines and Spirits, to merit a share of public patronage.

A first-class table kept, and superior eight-stall stone stable, replete with every convenience for Travellers. Unsurpassed in the District.

N.B.—The nearest Hotel to the Court-house.

VICTORIA BRIDGE HOTEL.

J. M'CORMICK, Proprietor.

The above well-known Hotel (late Edwards') has undergone a thorough renovation at the hands of the present proprietor, and is now second to no house on the main road from Cromwell to Queenstown.

Travellers may rest assured that they will receive every attention at the above Hotel.

The excellent range of STONE STABLES is under the charge of an experienced Groom. Horses will therefore secure every attention.

COMMERCIAL HOTEL, BUCKINGHAM-STREET, A R R O W T O W N.

HENRY GRAHAM, Proprietor.

H. Graham, having opened the above Hotel, assures travellers and the public generally that their comfort and convenience will be strictly attended to. Families visiting Arrowtown will find every accommodation, and receive the best attention at this new and commodious Hotel. The house comprises a suite of private apartments, sample rooms, and commercial room, making the Commercial Hotel one of the best and most comfortable Hotels in the district.

There is also first-class Stabling and paddock accommodation.

H. G. still continues to carry on the business of

STOREKEEPING,

Wholesale and Retail.

FIRST-CLASS BARGAINS FOR CASH.

VICTORIA HOTEL, PEEL-STREET, LAWRENCE.

RICHARD WILLIAMS, Proprietor.

R. WILLIAMS, having been appointed Agent for Cobb and Co.'s Line of Coaches, would assure the travelling public that their comfort and convenience will be attended to with that strict attention which has already secured to the Victoria such a liberal patronage.

Families and Travellers visiting Lawrence will find every accommodation, and receive the best attention, at this old-established hotel.

A new building has recently been erected which considerably enlarges the accommodation, and enhances the comfort of visitors. The addition comprise a suite of Private Apartments, commodious Bedrooms, a large Commercial Room and Sample Room, making the Victoria one of the largest and most comfortable hotels in the province.

There is also an extensive range of Stabling and Paddock accommodation attached.

BITISH HOTEL, corner of GEORGE and HANOVER STREETS, DUNEDIN.

The Proprietor respectfully calls the attention of residents on the Gold-fields to the excellence of accommodation he is enabled to offer to Country Travellers, and Boarders.

The Hotel is commodious, well-furnished, and centrally situated.

ALEXANDER M'GREGOR, Proprietor.

AUSTRALASIAN HOTEL, MACLEOD-STREET, DUNEDIN.

JAMES PATERSON, late of Clyde, begs to inform his numerous up-country friends that he has leased the above hotel, which he has put in a thorough state of repair. He has spared no expense in making the large and well-known house a comfortable home for boarders; and visitors from up-country will have every attention paid to their welfare. His Hotel is conveniently situated, being within a very short distance of the Railway Station.

Wines and Spirits, the best qualities.

Miscellaneous.

THE THOROUGHBRED ENTIRE HORSE

ROEBUCK, Will Stand this Season at CLYDE and CROMWELL, remaining in each town EACH ALTERNATE WEEK.

Roebuck is the sire of Kathleen, Dungiven Lass, Port Philip Buck, and numerous other well-known turf horses. For full pedigree of Roebuck, see cards.

For terms and other particulars, apply to WILLIAM WELLS.

TO STAND THIS SEASON, AT MR FLEMING'S FARM

The Clydesdale Horse

SURPRISE.

This horse will stand as above every MONDAY FORTNIGHT, commencing from Monday next, November 15.

Terms £3
Groomage, 5s.

Payable on or before 1st February, 1876.

JAMES M'ARTHUR, Proprietor.

Entire Horse

The Black draught horse,

TO STAND THIS SEASON

AT

GLEN NEVIS STATION,

the Black draught horse,

YOUNG DAN O'CONNELL,

a sure foal-getter.

Terms £3 6s.

A guarantee given for £4 4s.

W. W. MASTERS.

Entire Horse

The Black draught horse,

THE THOROUGHBRED HORSE

ARCHITECT

WILL TRAVEL THIS SEASON

IN THE.

DUNSTAN & CROMWELL DISTRICTS,

AND STAND AT

MOUNT PISA STATION.

Architect is a rich bay, with black points;

stands 16½ hands, with great substance and quality. He has proved himself a sure foal-getter. He was bred by John Field, Esq., of Tasmania, and his stock in that island have turned out remarkably good on the turf, as hunters, and as weight-carrying hacks. "Mechanic," (then a two-year old colt,) by Architect, ran well at the last Hobart Town meeting in the Railway Stakes, although not fit, being not long off ship-board, having been shipped to Lyttelton, where, owing to the want of due clean certificates from the port of shipment, he was not allowed to land, although pronounced free from disease by competent veterinary surgeons at Lyttelton, and his owner was compelled to ship him home again.

Architect's sire, "Peter Wilkins," is the sire also of the "Quack," winner of the Melbourne Cup; "Benvolio," winner of the Sydney Derby; "Flying Dutchman," the hero of the Australian Cup of 1872; "W.F." the hurdle racer, and other horses; and is full brother to "Rose de Florence," the dam of "Maribyrnong," (the most fashionable sire in Australia) "Ferryman," "King of the Ring," etc.

PEDIGREE:

Architect by Peter Wilkins, by the Flying Dutchman from Boarding-School Miss, by Plenipotary from Marpessa, the dam of Pocahontas, (Stockwell's dam.) His dam, Governess, by Conrad from Bequest, by Snoozer from Medea, by Mozart from Whizig, by Whalebone. For full tabulated pedigree, see Vol. V., New Zealand Stud Book.

Terms £5 5s.

Groomage 5s, paid at service.

I. LOUGHMAN.

1st October, 1875.

Cromwell.

EDWARD ALDRIDGE, FARRIER,

BLACKSMITH, and MACHINIST,

state of Clyde.)

Has started business in the above line in the premises lately occupied by J. W. THOMSON, in Melmore Terrace, Cromwell. From his long experience in the District, and his well-known habit of promptly executing all orders entrusted to him, he confidently hopes to receive a share of public patronage.

N.B.—A large stock of Horse and Cattle Medicines and Drugs on hand.

Ornamental Gates and Palisading, suitable for Cemeteries, public or private fences, made to any pattern.

Horses shod on the Goodenough or Charlier principle.

EDWARD ALDRIDGE, Melmore Terrace, Cromwell.

CROMWELL

VETERINARY SHOEING FORGE

Next door to

KIDD'S CROMWELL HOTEL.

ROBERT WISHART,

General Blacksmith, Farrier, Machinist, &c., Begs to intimate to the public that he has purchased the business from Mr EDWARD LINDSAY, as Farrier and Blacksmith, and hopes by paying strict attention to business, and turning out good substantial work of all kinds, guaranteed, to merit a continuance of public support.

R. W. begs to intimate to the public generally that he has purchased the CAST-IRON BED for TIRING WHEELS from Mr LINDSAY, being the first introduced up-country; and in this branch he will guarantee to give every satisfaction.

Horses shod on the latest and most-approved principle.

Light shoes 10s.

Draught do. 16s.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

WILLIAM MACKAY,

TAILOR & CLOTHIER,

Begs to inform the residents of Cromwell and surrounding locality that he has commenced business as above in those premises formerly occupied by Mr MAX GALL, Chemist, (opposite Messrs Hallenstein and Co.'s Store,) where by strict attention to all orders entrusted to him, and turning out first-class workmanship, he hopes to merit a share of public patronage.

A choice variety of first-class Tweeds on hand.

All work guaranteed to give satisfaction, both as to style and material.

V. R.

NOTICE.

The following are the days appointed for holding the Resident Magistrate's and Warden's Courts for the Quarter ending the 31st of December, 1875, for the Dunstan division of the Otago Goldfields District:—

CLYDE—every THURSDAY.

CROMWELL—every FRIDAY.

ALEXANDRA—MONDAY, December 6, 20.

ROXBURGH—TUESDAY, December 14.

BLACKS—TUESDAY, December 21.

The Warden's Office, Roxburgh, having been appointed a Land Office for the District of Clyde, on the days above-named, and immediately after the sitting of the Court, the District Land Officer will receive applications under the Waste Lands Act within the Land District of Clyde.

W. LAWRENCE SIMPSON,

Warden and R.M.

MR HENRY SMYTHIES and Mr HARRY W. SMYTHIES have entered into Partnership, and intend to carry on business in DUNEDIN, under the style of SMYTHIES & SON,

LEGAL ADVISERS, ARBITRATORS, LAND BROKERS, LAND AGENTS, FINANCIAL AGENTS, STOCK BROKERS, and SURVEYORS.

All business with the Waste Land Board carefully attended to.

Letters or telegrams will receive prompt replies.

Both the partners have had considerable experience on the Goldfields.

Office: PRINCES-STREET, DUNEDIN,

(Next to Burton Bros.)

NOTICE TO DEBTORS.

It is requested that all persons indebted to JOHN PERRIAM, Welcome Home Hotel, settle their accounts by the end of the year, otherwise they will be proceeded against.

JOHN PERRIAM.

Lowburn, December 13, 1875.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

All accounts due by the undersigned must be rendered for settlement within One Month from date; and all moneys owing must be paid within the same time; otherwise legal proceedings will be taken for the recovery thereof.

ROBERT KIDD.

Cromwell, December 13, 1875.

CRICKET CLUB.

A Meeting of Members will be held THIS EVENING, at 8.30 p.m., in the Town Hall. Those desirous of joining are requested to attend.

On Thursday, a Match will be played on the Ground between Married and Single Elevens. Wickets to be pitched at 1.30 p.m.

H. F. DENCH,
Secretary.

WANTED TO KNOW,

by a late arrival from Clinton College, Arkansas, U.S.—The number of duly qualified Medical Practitioners residing in Cromwell? What about Bogus Medicos—are there any?

Apply to

QUACK,

Box 80, P.O., Cromwell.

CORPORATION OF CROMWELL.

TENDERS FOR FORMING STREET.

Contract No. 17.

Tenders are invited until FRIDAY, December 17, at noon, for cutting ERRIS-STREET to permanent level, and other work in connection therewith.

Specifications may be seen at my office.

CHAS. COLCLOUGH,
Town Clerk.CROMWELL ANNUAL RACES,
DECEMBER 28 and 29, 1875.

DECLARATION OF WEIGHTS.

GRAND STAND HANDICAP.—One mile and a half.

Gamecock ... 9st 3lb
Wild Manx Boy ... 9st 0lb
Wexford ... 8st 0lb
Haricot ... 7st 12lb

FLYING HANDICAP.—One mile.
Wild Manx Boy ... 9st 0lb
Wexford ... 8st 0lb
Freestono ... 7st 1lb
Mystery ... 7st 5lb

GEORGE JENOUR,
Secretary to Jockey Club.IN the Resident Magistrate's Court,
Queenstown.

Whittingham Bros. v. John M'Lean.
Joseph Tring Crofts v. John M'Lean.
De Beer and Walde v. John M'Lean.
Humphrey and Grant v. John M'Lean.

FOR SALE.

The Iron Clipper Screw Steamboat,
"V E N U S."

By virtue and power of distress warrants issued in the above-named suits, I will SELL by PUBLIC AUCTION, in Queenstown, on WEDNESDAY, the 15th day of December, at 12 noon,

The iron clipper screw steamboat VENUS, as she now lies on chalks undergoing repairs;

Together with

Her Engine, Boiler, Fan, Anchors, Dingy, and other material connected with the vessel.

The steamer, etc., will positively be sold on the day named, unless the executions are sooner satisfied.

Terms cash.

O. MACKIN,

Bailiff.

Police Court, Queenstown,

6/12/75.

RATE COLLECTOR'S NOTICE.

Summons will be issued against all defaulting Ratepayers forthwith. The list may be inspected at my office.

CHAS. COLCLOUGH.

NOTICE.

ALL SCHOOL-FEES due to the Bannockburn School Committee must be paid on or before the 1st of January, 1876, to

WILLIAM BENNETT,
Treasurer.

CARRICK RANGE WATER SUPPLY CO., Registered.

An Extraordinary Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Company's Office, Cromwell, on Wednesday, January 5, 1876, at 8 p.m.

Business: To give borrowing power for loan from the Government.

JAMES MARSHALL,
Manager.A. O. F.
COURT ROYAL OAK OF KAWARAU, No. 4929.

Summoned Meeting on MONDAY, 20th December. Business: Nomination of Officers.

By order,
CHARLES KOCH,
Secretary.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

GRAND CONCERT AND BALL
IN THE ATHENÆUM HALL,
ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31st, 1875.

Programme in future issue.

GRAND ART UNION
in aid of the BANNOCKBURN SCHOOL.

TWENTY-FIVE POUNDS' WORTH OF PRIZES.

Consisting of a splendid assortment of Pictures.

Drawing to take place at the Schoolroom, Bannockburn, on December 24th, 1875, at 8 o'clock p.m.

Tickets, 5s each.
W. BENNETT,
Treasurer.

SPORTS! SPORTS!!

SPORTS!!!

At PERRIAM'S Welcome Home Hotel,
LOWBURN, on
NEW YEAR'S DAY.

The usual annual Horse Racing and Sports will take place on New Year's Day at the Welcome Home Hotel, when liberal prizes will be awarded for

HORSE RACING
RUNNING
JUMPING
VAULTING
QUOITS
WRESTLING
And other Athletic Sports.

EVERYBODY INVITED!

EVERYBODY WELCOME!

To a Day's THOROUGH ENJOYMENT.

GOOD TEMPLARS'
ANNUAL FETE.ROBERT BRUCE LODGE,
BANNOCKBURN.

The Public are invited to attend a

PIC-NIC,

To be given by the Bruce Lodge, at Bannockburn, on

MONDAY, the 27th instant,

(BOXING-DAY.)

Sports to consist of Running, Jumping, Quoits Matches, and a

GRAND FOOTBALL MATCH, Married v. Single.

In connection with the above,

A BALL will be held in the EVENING.

Tickets (to admit ladies and gentleman), 7s 6d.

Dancing to commence at 9 p.m.

Mr J. Geer, of Bannockburn, will provide refreshments for Pic-nic and Ball.

QUARTZVILLE SPORTS,

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27.

PROGRAMME.

To commence at 2 o'clock p.m. sharp.

1. Quoit Match, 15 yards.—First prize, 30s; second, 10s.

2. HORSE RACE, for £5 5s, with a sweep of £1 each added, for all horses within six miles of Quartzville. Quarter of a mile heats. Three entries or no race.

3. Cornish Wrestling.—First prize, £2 10s; second, 10s.

4. Vaulting with Pole.—First prize, 30s; second, 10s.

5. 150yds Foot Race.—First prize, 30s; second, 10s.

6. Sack Race.—First prize, 20s; second, 10s.

Boys' Races.—Prizes, two pounds.

Hospital Race of £—.

C. PEEKE

J. LAWRENCE,
Quartzville.

BENDIGO ATHLETIC

SPORTS AND HORSE-RACING,

TO BE HELD AT

WAKEFIELD,

ON

DECEMBER 31st and JANUARY 1st.

STEWARDS:

Messrs J. WILLIAMS, J. STEWART, E. SAMS,
W.M. CAMERON, and E. RICE.

JUDGE: Mr J. DEWAR.

STARTER: Mr JOHN WRIGHTSON.

PROGRAMME.

FIRST DAY.

Quoit Match, 18 yds.—First prize, £1 10s; second, 15s; third, 5s.

MAIDEN PLATE, for all horses that have never won an advertised race of the value of £5.—Prize, £5.

Running High Leap.—First prize, 20s; second, 10s; third, 5s.

100yds Foot Race (handicap).—First prize, 20s; second, 10s; third, 5s.

Cumberland Wrestling.—First prize, £2; second, 20s; third, 10s.

Sack Race.—First prize, 20s; second, 10s; third, 5s.

Hop, Step, and Jump.—First prize, 20s; second, 10s; third, 5s.

200yds Foot Race (handicap).—First prize, 30s; second, 15s; third, 7s 6d.

Putting the Stone.—First prize, 20s; second, 10s; third, 5s.

Standing High Jump.—First prize, 20s; second, 10s; third, 5s.

DISTRICT HANDICAP HORSE RACE, for all horses owned in the Bendigo District for one month previous to the race.—Prize, £7.

100yds Three-legged Race.—First prize, 30s; second, 15s; third, 10s.

Standing Flat Jump.—First prize, 20s; second, 10s; third, 5s.

Bendigo Handicap Foot Race; three events; to be decided by points; first event, 150yds.—First prize, £5; second, £2; third, £1.

Cornish Wrestling.—First prize, £2; second, 20s; third, 10s.

Throwing the Hammer.—First prize, 20s; second, 10s; third, 5s.

TROTTING MATCH (handicap), no weight under 11st.—Prize, £5.

Vaulting with the Pole.—First prize, 20s; second, 10s; third, 5s.

Bendigo Handicap Foot Race; three events; to be decided by points; first event, 150yds.—First prize, £5; second, £2; third, £1.

Collar and Elbow Wrestling.—First prize, £2; second, 20s; third, 10s.

Sack Race.—First prize, 20s; second, 10s; third, 5s.

Bendigo Handicap Foot Race; third event, 440yds.

BENDIGO HANDICAP HORSE RACE.—£15.

Consolation Foot Race.—First prize, 20s; second, 10s; third, 5s.

10s entry for each of the Horse Races.

Anyone entering a horse for the Bendigo Handicap must be a subscriber to the race fund of £1.

All other events, entry 10s.

The decision of the Stewards to be final in all cases.



IN pursuance of "The Regulation of Elections Act, 1870, I, WILLIAM LAWRENCE SIMPSON, Returning Officer for the Electoral District of Dunstan, do hereby give notice that, by virtue of a writ bearing date the 6th day of December 1875, under the public seal of the Colony, an ELECTION will be held for the return of a qualified person to serve as Member of the House of Representatives for the said Electoral District; and that the NOMINATION of CANDIDATES will take place at CLYDE, at noon, on the 23rd day of December 1875; and that the POLL, if necessary, will be taken on the 27th day of December, 1875.

W. LAWRENCE SIMPSON,
Returning Officer.

The following are Polling Places for the Electoral District of Dunstan:—

The Courthouse, Clyde (principal)

The Courthouse, Alexandra

The Courthouse, Blacks

The Courthouse, Cromwell

The Public Hall, Kawarau Gorge

The Store of Josiah Hutchinson, Bendigo

The Schoolhouse, Matakanui

Messrs Finlay and Morris' old Store, Bald Hill Flat

Canvas tent, near Mr Sealley's store, Nevis

The Schoolhouse, Bannockburn.

W. LAWRENCE SIMPSON,
Returning Officer.

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE DUNSTAN DISTRICT.

GENTLEMEN,—I think it only my duty to distinctly announce that I have no intention of contesting the present election for the Dunstan District.

My apology for making such an announcement must be the fact that an impression prevails in the district that I had such an intention, and I have a wish that the issue should be decided on clear grounds between the real candidates.

I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

D. MACKELLAR.

Cromwell, December 13, 1875.

GENERAL ELECTION.

VINCENT PYKE

Will address the Electors at the ATHENÆUM, CROMWELL,
on FRIDAY, 17th inst., and at the SCHOOLHOUSE, BANNOCKBURN,
on MONDAY, 20th,

at 8 o'clock p.m. on each night.

Further arrangements will be duly notified.

M R BAIRD will address the Electors at
KAWARAU GORGE SCHOOLHOUSE
On THURSDAY, 16th inst., at 8 p.m.;

FRIDAY, 17th instant, at 7.30 p.m.

ALEXANDRA PUBLIC LIBRARY,
SATURDAY, 18th inst., at 7.30 p.m.

Meetings in other parts of the District will be notified in future advertisements, or by handbills.

TO THE ELECTORS
OF THE DUNSTAN DISTRICT.

MR T. L. SHEPHERD
WILL

ADDRESS THE ELECTORS
AT AN EARLY DATE.

CROMWELL ANNUAL RACES.

CHARLES RYLANDS

Begs to inform his numerous friends that he has become the purchaser of the BOOTH & GRAND STAND in connection with the above Meeting, and desires to assure them that it is his intention to carry out the arrangements in a manner to ensure satisfaction to his patrons.

**ELECTION FOR THE
DUNSTAN DISTRICT
TO THE ELECTOR'S
OF THE
DUNSTAN DISTRICT.**

GENTLEMEN.—In accordance with the wishes and at the request of a large number of my fellow-electors, I have the honor to announce my intention of seeking your support at the ensuing election for the House of Representatives.

I regret that circumstances have been so ordered that little time will be allowed you in deliberating upon such an important matter as the choice of a representative, but I shall endeavour in what time is available to visit the various centres of the district, and to lay my political views before you. I have good reason to think they will be found to be similar to those held by a large majority of the electors in the district.

Lest I should not, however, have an opportunity of meeting you all personally, I may be permitted here to give, as briefly as possible, a general idea of my political views.

I will begin by frankly stating that I think not only was a wrong step taken politically during the last session of the Assembly with regard to the Abolition of Provinces, but that a most grievous wrong was attempted to be perpetrated by a majority of an expiring Parliament against the rights and privileges of the electoral body. The extreme step of abolishing Provincial governments and Councils,—the creation of the people themselves, and only existing by the will of the people,—should only have been taken with the consent first obtained and at the expressed wish of the people. My views will, so far, then, be understood when I say, that had I been your representative during last session I should steadily and consistently have supported the Opposition in their endeavours to remit the question to the voice of the country.

Now that the question has been raised, however, I am sure I only interpret the almost unanimous opinion of the country when I say it is desirable that some change should be made in the direction of simplifying the form of government under which we live. Over-government has been the chief evil of which we have had to complain, and any change should provide for four things. First, the separation, financial and politically (save in purely federal matters) of the North from the South Island; second, the creation of a legislature or legislatures in each Island, having absolute power in all matters not purely federal; third, the reconstruction of the General Assembly in accordance with these changes, both in regard to the number of its members and its powers; and, fourth, the total abolition of the Legislative Council, or the reconstruction of it as an elective body.

These are, briefly, my views upon the most important constitutional questions likely to be discussed during next session of the Assembly.

I am in favor of a still further extension of the system of deferred payments in selling the land, and would support any measure which would have the effect of reducing the price under that system as fixed during the last session. With further regard to the land question, (with the alteration mentioned above,) I believe it would be well to be content till, by the effluxion of time, the present leases of the runs are about to expire. In view of that event, I will be prepared to most strongly advocate and support such an alteration of the law, (if it is necessary, which I don't believe,) and such an alteration in the administration, as would enable men of ordinary means to take up leases of from 2000 to 10,000 acres of pastoral country, instead of, as at present, having large blocks of from 50,000 to 500,000 acres monopolised by one wealthy firm.

The immediate extension of the Railway scheme to the interior of the country will receive my warmest support. I cannot forget in doing so that the Otago central line of railway, whether coming via Tuapeka or Palmerston, will pass through, and for a time terminate in, the Dunstan District, and that its construction would not only prove an immense benefit to the present population, but would, in providing cheap and easy transit for goods and passengers, give such a stimulus to the various industries in the district as would treble, and even quadruple, its present population.

I am in favor of the entire Abolition of the Gold Duty, and also of the reduction in amount of the fees and rents which now form such a serious item to the mining community.

With regard to matters more purely local, I do not deem it necessary to say much. I think the way in which my own individual interests are bound up in, and inseparable from, the mining prosperity of the district should be a sufficient guarantee that any measure which is likely to have the effect of benefiting the mining community will have my unremitting attention. I think also, when I state that I have lived and worked on the Goldfields both in Victoria and New Zealand for the last 22 years, it may be taken as a guarantee that I can bring some knowledge of the special wants of a mining community to the consideration of any question which may arise affecting their interests.

And now, gentlemen, in conclusion, I trust

the peculiar circumstances of seeking election at your hands will relieve me from the charge of egotism while I make one or two personal remarks. I have no selfish ends to serve or benefits to gain in asking your suffrages. I am sincerely convinced that the present political situation is the most critical that has yet arisen in this Colony, and it is solely with a view to watch the interests of a district in which I am personally deeply interested that I seek election at all. Had any other local candidate, holding the same or similar views, come forward, he should have had my heartiest support; but when I find that the probability of having to spend five or six months in Wellington every year, and the sacrifice of business and income consequent thereupon, is deterring other and perhaps abler men from offering their services to you, in obedience to the request of a large number of yourselves, I offer mine. I can afford the time, and no business in which I am engaged will suffer from my absence.

I therefore leave the issue in your hands. If you should do me the honor to elect me, you may rest assured nothing will be wanting on my part to carry out the duties of your representative in a manner worthy the most important Goldfields district in the Colony.

I have the honor to be,
Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
BORTHWICK R. BAIRD.

Cromwell, 14th Dec., 1875.

**WILL SHORTLY VISIT
CROMWELL.**

The celebrated Australian
BELLRINGERS, INSTRUMENTALISTS,
and VOCALISTS.

The talented
LYNCH FAMILY,
(Now en route for America), and

The Great English Comique and Comedian,
MR CHAS. KEELEY,
From St. James's Hall, London, and principal
Manchester, Birmingham, and Edin-
burgh Theatres.

HARRY LYNCH, Pianist.

These unrivalled artistes will appear in their
world-renowned performances, as given by them
with immense success everywhere, and patronised
by the highest classes of society; and already
witnessed by over

600,000 Persons!

CROMWELL POST-OFFICE.
The next English and European mail via Suez
will close at this office on Friday, December 17,
at 9 p.m.

C. E. NICHOLAS,
Postmaster.

BIRTH.

On December 12, at Gentle Annie, Mrs WILLIAM HENDERSON, of a son.

**CROMWELL ARGUS,
AND NORTHERN GOLD-FIELDS GAZETTE.**

CROMWELL: WEDNESDAY, DEC. 15, 1875.

The general elections are now fairly under way, and the important issues before the country will in a few more days be decided. It is perhaps unfortunate that the elections have been so arranged as to mix excitement and probable bitterness with the better feelings usually engendered by the approaching season. We cannot but express an opinion that it would have been wiser to have had the elections off either before the holidays or after they had passed—at all events it would have better suited the electors of this district. Perhaps the Returning Officer arranged matters for the best, but it certainly looks rather strange to fix a general and most important election for Boxing Day, when the bulk of the population are bent on pleasure-making, and probably have entered into arrangements to that end. However, we suppose it is now no use grumbling—we must accept the dictum of the chief officer, and make the best of what may be justly called a badly-planned arrangement.

It will be seen that Mr BAIRD has declared himself a candidate in opposition to Mr PYKE. We have had time to hastily scan Mr BAIRD's address, and cannot on this occasion deal with it. It strikes us at a first glance as being liberal in tone and likely to take the attention of the electors; but before our next number opportunity will have offered of hearing at length the views of both candidates, when we will have something more to say of their respective qualifications. It will also be noticed that Mr MACKELLAR disclaims any intention of standing. Supposing only the two candidates now declared present themselves on the way of nomination, and also supposing that Mr PYKE is an advocate of Abolition,—which we cannot positively say—then the electors will by their vote clearly indicate what view they hold on this, the main question. Both candidates have announced their intention to meet the constituency at times and places notified in another column.

And now, gentlemen, in conclusion, I trust

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

DUNEDIN.

TUESDAY, 8 p.m.

Mr Macandrew addressed his constituents at Port Chalmers last night. About 300 were present. He spoke very strongly in favor of Provincial institutions, maintaining that the effect of Abolition would be to deprive the Province of £200,000 a year. A large number of questions were asked, and at the close a vote of confidence was unanimously carried.

Macassey has announced himself as a candidate for Dunedin, as also have Hooper, Reynolds, and J. P. Armstrong. There will also probably be nominated Thomas Dick, Fish, and Larnach.

Bastings is going to contest the Waikai seat with Bradshaw.

Mr Britton, master of the Industrial School since its foundation, died from inflammation of the lungs on Saturday afternoon.

Scarlet fever has made its appearance at Anderson's Bay.

The following are the Otago Railway receipts for the month ending November 30:—Main central station, Dunedin, £3924; Port Chalmers, £847; Stations on Clutha line, £2207; Southland railways, £3073; Oamaru and Waitaki, £464.—Total, in round numbers, £10,520.

The Albion has arrived at Hokitika with later Australian news, and the Colima has arrived at Auckland from San Francisco.

MELBOURNE, December 8.

The convict Weechurch was executed on Monday last.

Scarlet fever still continues. Last week, in Melbourne suburbs, there were sixty-nine deaths from this cause.

In Sydney, a New Zealand digger, named Murphy, got drunk, and was robbed of a receipt for £500, some scrip in a mine at Reefton, and 70 sovereigns.

George Rosso has been executed at Mudgee for the Carson Creek murder.

The weights for the Grand Stand and Flying Handicaps in the Cromwell Race meeting are declared in another column.

We are informed that Mr H. J. Cope intends to contest the seat for the Wakatipu district on the Abolition platform. Mr K. H. Leary, of Dunedin, is likewise spoken of as a probable candidate.

Last N. Z. *Gazette* contains a notification that Mr Richmond Beetham has resigned the position of Registration Officer for the Wakatipu Electoral District. Mr John Scott Worthington has been appointed in Mr Beetham's room.

Fruit is now coming into the market plentifully, gardeners at Clyde, Conroy's, and other places bringing large supplies of cherries and strawberries into Cromwell, where they meet with ready sale. The former are retailed at 1s 6d, and the latter at 1s per pound,—prices not out of the way, considering the early season.

Last week, Mr Kidd, who has been long and favorably known in connection with the Cromwell Hotel, parted with his interest in that property and the adjoining lands at a good round figure—rumor says between £3000 and £4000. Messrs Starkie and Seally where the purchasers, and we believe it is their intention to make considerable improvements in the property.

Necessarily consequent upon the approaching holidays and Assembly election there is considerable pressure on our columns in setting forth the various attractions and political announcements. This unusual, but by no means unpleasant, state of things forces us to curtail the quantity of reading matter for an issue or two; but under the circumstances we feel we have only to ask to be assured of our readers' indulgence.

The privileges in connection with the Cromwell Annual Races were disposed of by auction under the hammer of Mr Colclough on Monday. They were sold in four lots. Lot one, booth and Grand Stand, fell to Mr C. Rylands at £93. Lot two, horse paddock, Mr Parsons, £11 10s. Lot three, cards, £5, Mr Knott; and lot four, right to sell fruit, fell to Mr Ferrell, after spirited competition, at the handsome figure of £23 10s. The total realised was £133.

Considerable enthusiasm exists among members of the local Cricket Club regarding the issue of an impromptu match which has been arranged for Thursday next, the contest to be between Married and Single players. Both sides are sanguine of success, and a close and exciting game may be looked for. The respective teams are pretty evenly balanced, and there is likely to be a run on hats abiding the issue. No doubt the "better halves" of the Bachelors will be on the ground to encourage and stimulate their lords in the battle, and we hope to see prospective matrons grace the field by their presence and similarly excite the prowess of the bachelors. Wickets are to be pitched at half-past one o'clock.—A meeting of members is convened for this evening in the Town Hall.

Mr Fergus delivered a lecture on Wednesday evening last in the Town Hall Alexandra, in aid of the funds of the local Atheneum. Owing to the severe weather—heavy rain having poured down the whole afternoon—the attendance was not so large by any means as the sale of tickets gave reason to hope, but those present enjoyed the address none the less. The subject chosen was "Hugh Miller and his works," and the familiar manner in which the lecturer dealt with his text showed he had given it considerable study. At the conclusion of the lecture, which occupied little over an hour and was listened to attentively throughout, and frequently applauded, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr Fergus on the motion of Mr Rice, and the proceedings concluded by a similar courtesy being extended to the chairman, Mr J. C. Chapple.

Messrs Jeffreys and Fraser, of Clyde, storekeepers, have filed a declaration of insolvency.

We observe that Mr Joseph Kuhze, formerly of the firm of Goodger and Kuhze, brewers, of this place, has commenced business in the same line at North-east Valley, near Dunedin.

It is noticeable that this year there is an unusually large number of men swarming the country on the look-out for employment—more so, indeed, than in any previous year during the same season.

We hear that, for the first time since it was laid, communication is completely cut off through Cook's Straits cable, connecting the two islands. The locality of the "fault" is not known yet.

Visitors from Dunedin and other down-country settlements express their astonishment at the presence of green peas and other early vegetables on the dinner table at this season. This is illustrated by the fact that a resident in this district last week forwarded a couple of bags of green peas to the order of a Dunedin gentleman.

The steamer Tairaroa from Glasgow to Dunedin, struck on a reef near Dog Island on Friday morning. She was got off and towed to the Bluff. Owing to the steamer leaking badly, it was thought advisable to beach her. Although the actual damage is not yet known, it is not thought to be serious.

Mr Vincent Pyke arrived in the district on Wednesday last, and is losing no time in placing his views before the electors. We are informed that at a meeting at Alexandra on Saturday evening, Mr Pyke had a large audience—Mr Samson, Mayor, in the chair—and a unanimous vote of confidence was passed in favor of the candidate. Mr Pyke addresses the Cromwell electors on Friday evening, in the Atheneum hall, and at Bannockburn on Monday evening.

Since our last issue, further heavy falls of rain have taken place in the interior, causing the rivers to rise higher than they have done for years past. This is more especially the case with the Clutha, which is now carrying an enormous body of water. The low-lying sands and islands up the river have been submerged, causing considerable damage. The flood must have come down very suddenly, as numbers of carcasses of sheep, horses, etc., were seen borne down by the stream. The river is now subsiding, and the weather apparently more settled.

Among the many attractions set forth for the Christmas holidays—which we cannot in this issue notice in detail—is one which we are sure will not fail to secure a full measure of support—not only on account of its own merits, but also for the object in view. We refer to the bazaar in aid of the Catholic Church and School in Cromwell. So seldom does this body seek aid from outside sources that when it does so success invariably attends the efforts of those working in its behalf, and such will no doubt be the case on the forthcoming occasion. We understand that donations have been liberally accorded, and many valuable and handsome articles will be on view for disposal. The lists are not yet full, and those who are disposed to contribute towards the success of the undertaking have only to apply to any member of the Committee of Management.

In connection with the loss of the Strathmore there appears in the Manchester *Guardian* an extract from a letter written by Mr Thomas Henderson, son of Mr Henderson, of Messrs Brogden and Sons, which indicates probable cause of the loss of that vessel. The letter is dated on board the Strathmore, May 21st, 1875, lat. 4 deg. 20 min. north. The letter says—

"We got out of the channel beautifully, but directly after we managed that a headwind came on, and continued for a fortnight, driving us right across to America. After that finished we had a fair wind, but unluckily it has been so slight the whole time that on some occasions we have not been going more than a quarter of a mile an hour. The vessel seems a capital one, and the captain and officers are very agreeable, but the crew are a nasty, ill-conditioned lot. When we had been about ten days out they broached the cargo, taking two or three cases of gin out of the hold, and we consequently all drunk the next day, and besides that, the day following they were in a state of insubordination, and refused to turn to work; but it got settled in the course of time, and nothing further has been said about the matter, though I should hardly expect it would be allowed to drop altogether." It is feared that in the attempt by the crew to broach cargo, a spark has ignited the powder which the vessel was carrying.

The *Timaru Herald* in an article upon the Dunedin banquet, thus notices Mr Fitzherbert:—"Few colonists are old enough to remember the time when he was not in one office or another. He went to England to negotiate a loan, and in 1869 the Assembly, almost blushing—if they could blush—voted him three thousand pounds for his pins. Three thousand pounds of the people's money in hard cash that dear old gentleman received for having made a pleasure trip to England at Government expense, with full salary, and four guineas a day as travelling allowance. Throughout all the sundry and manifold changes, too, of his official position or his political creed, he managed in the most dexterous way to retain his office of Commissioner of Crown Lands in Wellington (although such retention was illegal and indecent); and, at this very moment, though a Superintendent, he enjoys the pension of that post. Never was there a more grasping, selfish, public man, or one who kept his own interest more constantly in view. Yet he preaches purity and self-sacrifice. 'Continue to do honor to men who are no richer to-day than when they landed on your shores, because they have been doing your public works!' A splendid sentiment, indeed, from one who having pocketed every penny he could get out of Centralism, is now sucking Provincialism like a leech. Mr Fitzherbert should certainly have been the last man in New Zealand to vaunt himself as a disinterested public man."

ARROW TOWN.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

December 13, 1875.

The various entertainments and sports for the coming Christmas and New Year are occupying the attention of those concerned in their management, and every effort is being used to carry them out in a liberal and spirited manner—the publicans come down with a list of sports absorbing £200 in prizes; the Good Templars are to hold one day's sport on Boxing day, with prizes amounting to £50. Tea, coffee, and sandwiches will be provided gratis on the ground—Mr Cope's farm, Hayes Lake. In the evening a concert will be held at the schoolhouse. The Catholics intend holding a grand bazaar for the three days after Christmas at the Library, the proceeds to go to the Church building fund.

Mr Manders visited Macetown on Saturday evening on election business. No other candidate has as yet declared for this district, but many may yet come forward, and present quiet may be only the calm which precedes the tempest.

Mr S. Symonds has received intimation that he has been elected as a representative to the Grand Lodge meeting of Good Templars to be held in Dunedin on the 28th, and according to the *Wakatip Mail*, Bro. Rogers of Queenstown has been also elected. The principal business with which the Wakatip delegates will be charged will be to endeavor to obtain its erection into an independent district instead of as at present being united with Cromwell, which district will no doubt be in favor of a similar arrangement in regard to itself.

Mining enterprise has been much retarded by the severe weather which continues intermittently. Both the Arrow United and Universal Companies' claims are full of water. The former company will be ready to resume pumping in a day or two, but will probably wait for more settled weather. The latter are pushing on the repairing of their head race and dam and the erection of their pumping machinery. The Chinese claims above them in the Arrow river are being again put in order for paddocking. The Sons of Fortune Company are still driving their main tunnel, from which they obtained 2oz 5dwt of coarse gold. The manager states that when ready to block out each pick would net double that amount weekly. The arrangements for ventilating the mine are now nearly complete and answer admirably.

It is intended by residents to take steps to stock the Roaring Billy stream with trout from Butel's dam, and as that stream is very clear and of great volume the fish are likely to thrive well in it, while the scenery being interesting and approachable it will be a favorite resort for tourists and visitors.

At Macetown, prospecting for reefs is retarded by severe weather. Hall's party will be unable to start raising quartz until after Christmas. Barclays and Raven are actively getting their crushing plant in course of erection. Ausell's party are sinking another shaft adjoining the prospector's boundary. The higher parts of the range still show quantities of snow in patches, while the view from the top shows vast quantities on the high mountains to the west and north.

At Skippers the Phoenix tributaries have cleaned up, and you will no doubt learn by telegram the result. They are driving on a head to get another block ready for stoping and also intend to work a block of surface stone which shows very well. Southberg is going to crush stone from his New Year's Gift claim, and is understood to have a good face of payable stone in the Otago claim. Among new claims about to be worked is that of Messrs Edgar and Harris in Butcher's Gully. The reef is 3 feet wide and shows gold, while timber and water power are readily available. It appears that the Shotover Company is after all likely to be wound up and should the claim change hands may yet, like the Phoenix claim, agreeably astonish its new proprietors.

Mr William Jenkins has taken over the stock and premises of the late firm of Thomson and Jenkins and has re-opened for business. From the esteem in which Mr Jenkins is held there is no doubt he will make a prosperous business.

The Arrow has felt much inconvenience from the closing of Mr Donoghue's butchery business, as meat has been very scarce both at the Arrow and the 12-Mile; it is therefore satisfactory to find that he is about to re-commence after Christmas.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

A GRAVE QUERY.

To the Editor of the CROMWELL ARGUS.

SIR,—Can you inform me who are managers of the Cromwell Cemetery, and whether they are exempt from the duty of making public a statement of the position of the trust—financially and otherwise? I am sure a large section of residents would be glad with me to glean some information on this point.—I am, &c.,

QUIZ.

Cromwell, Dec. 13, 1875.

REPLY TO MR CASSELS.

To the Editor of the CROMWELL ARGUS.

SIR,—In your issue of the 17th ult. I notice a letter from Mr Cassels on the subject of his resignation, in which that gentleman seems to have taken to heart the few words of commendation which I bestowed on Mr M'Gann in a previous letter of mine. I assure Mr Cassels I had no intention of drawing any wondrous comparisons or of hurting his feelings in the least. No one can

sympathise with him more deeply than myself for the harsh treatment he received at the hands of his department; but that treatment should not blind him to the merits of others. My object was not to disparage Mr Cassels in the least, but simply to show the people of Cromwell the estimation in which Mr M'Gann was held by the people of this district, and to record their opinions that he was fully competent to fulfil the post of successor to Mr Cassels, which is saying a good deal. The sneer conveyed in the latter part of his letter as to actions for false imprisonment is, to say the least of it, in very bad taste, and I feel sure that when Mr Cassels reflects coolly on it he, with his long experience, will readily allow that it is no imputation on an officer who does his duty impartially that such things should occasionally occur. I cannot see what occasion there was for Mr Cassels to draw my name into question, as I was in no way to blame for the treatment he complains of, and as I said before, I quite sympathise with him in that case.

Hoping you will kindly insert these few lines,—I am, &c.,

M. FITZGERALD.

Blacks, Dec. 12, 1875.

[We insert this letter in justice to all parties, and notify that it closes the correspondence through these columns.—ED.]

DRINK AND ITS RESULTS.

Our last week's telegraphic news announced the suicide in Dunedin of an unemployed bank clerk named Alexander Scott, who cut his throat in the most determined manner. The misguided young man was for some time a resident of Cromwell in connection with one of the local Banks. From the Dunedin papers we copy the chief evidence taken at the inquest:

John R. Cowie, ledger-keeper at the Bank of New Zealand, said that he had known deceased for fourteen years, and had seen him constantly during the past four months. He was twenty-six at the time of his death, a native of Scotland, unmarried, a clerk by occupation, and a Presbyterian by religious persuasion. Witness last saw him alive between nine and ten o'clock yesterday morning. They lodged in the same house. He knocked at witness's door, but he refused to open it, saying he wanted sleep. Deceased afterwards tried to burst the door open, and then to get in by the window, witness now believed to get his razors. Witness jumped out of bed and drove him away. He went to his bedroom. His face had a savage and peculiar expression, though witness did not at the time think there was anything singular in that. Witness afterwards went out and returned at about twenty minutes to four, when he was met by Mrs Paget, the landlady, who asked him to go and see Mr Scott. Witness looked into his bedroom, saw deceased lying on the bed, and there was blood on the floor. He raised himself and looked at witness who ran for a doctor. When witness returned Scott was quite dead. Deceased never spoke of committing suicide. He had been out of employment for four or five months, but had told witness that he had got a situation in the Harbor Office. Latterly he had been drinking heavily, returning home nightly quite drunk. The penknife produced is the one with which he committed suicide. It belonged to himself.

Mary Paget deposed that deceased had lived at her house during the past four months. He was much addicted to drink, but occasionally would be sober for days together. For a week before his death she saw but little of him. She never saw that his mind was affected until the morning of his death, when he got up at five o'clock, which was very unusual for him. While deceased was trying to burst last witness's door open he appeared as though insane, his eyes glistened, and he appeared very excited. Deceased then went to bed and at eleven o'clock was sleeping soundly. During the morning he repeatedly asked for drink, which witness refused to give him. Some time after she heard him moaning heavily, and on looking into his bedroom saw blood on the floor and bedding. His head was covered in the blankets, and she ran out, and meeting last witness, sent him for a doctor. Deceased appeared to be possessed of considerable means.

The jury found that deceased committed suicide while in a state of temporary insanity, brought on by excessive drinking.

In connection with the supposed murder at Lake Ohou, the North Otago (Oamaru) *Times* reports that "Mr Do Lantour, who went up to Lake Ohou, made a post-mortem examination of the body of Hugh Hannan on Saturday last at Benmore Station, with the result that he is of opinion that sudden death was caused by a shock to the brain from an injury inflicted on the left side of the head and through the neck being partially dislocated. Sergeant Smith and Constable Green are still up-country, endeavoring to trace the whereabouts of the missing man Matthew Cunningham."

The *Guardian* of Friday, in the course of some election gossip says:—We hear that Mr T. L. Shepherd had made up his mind to leave by the Tuesday's coach to give an account of his stewardship to the electors of the Dunstan, but hearing that Mr Pyke was about to travel to that district by the Tuesday's coach, Mr Shepherd declined to travel with his brother M. H. R.—why, we know not, unless it could be professional jealousy—who will thus have the advantage of the first meeting with the electors of the Dunstan.

THE GOVERNMENT POLICY.

We make the following extracts from the speech delivered at Christchurch the other day by the Hon. Mr Richardson, Minister of Public Works:—

The Government propose to centralise, to the very utmost, the whole legislative power in the Assembly, and to decentralise the administrative power, and to put it, as far as possible, into the hands of Local Boards, and local governing bodies. The Local Government Bill in course of preparation proposes to at once divide the whole Colony into shires, and these shires to be composed, as far as possible, of the present Road Boards. The question of future electoral district boundaries will also be considered, and, as far as they could see, there will be no difficulty whatever in making electoral boundaries coterminous with those of future Shire Councils. There was no reason whatever to suppose that there would be any difficulty in continuing in future the endowments which had been proposed. The Road Boards will get from the Consolidated Revenue their pound for pound on rates they levy. Then Shire Councils will be endowed, and, as far as he could see, municipalities will get their license fees out of the endowment which has been proposed. Government said that Shire Councils must be made attractive if they are to be composed of good men, and must have a reliable revenue. The revenue which they will have in the first place will be a proportion of the land fund—the pound for pound—and they will have all the power of rating for particular works, such as bridges and reclamation works, as described in the Abolition Bill. The Government saw very clearly that by these means Shire Councils, either individually or in combination with an adjoining one, will be in a better position to carry out larger works than Road Boards are in at present. After paying charges, that by law are chargeable on the land fund, Government proposed that the residue be divided amongst Shire Councils, so that the whole of the land fund accruing within the present Provincial districts shall be kept entirely at the disposal of the local bodies. The Government also had in preparation measures for the purpose of generalising laws on scrub, impoundings, and other subjects, and that alone, he thought, would be a great boon to the whole country.

Regarding the lands of the Colony it would be the duty of Government to see that they were not sacrificed, and to do everything it could to assist in the settlement of the country, both in the selection of lands suitable for agricultural purposes and having them ready, as they are doing now to a very considerable extent in the North Island, for settlers, both on cash payment and on deferred payment. With regard to the runs he was of opinion they should be fairly assessed, then the first offer to be given to existing holders of leases. If put up to auction, it would lead to jobbery and corruption, and the formation of such rings as even America has hardly seen.

A great deal had been said as to where the endowments came from. Now his own individual opinion had been, for years past, that when once a system such as he had just been describing, or one somewhat analogous, was established throughout the country, Government would be enabled to largely decrease the expenses of administration by consolidating different offices throughout the Colony. He could see, at all events in his own department, and in other departments which he occasionally had to look after, that enormous savings can be made if only the question is grappled with a firm hand. He saw no reason why the promises in the Abolition Bill should not be carried out in their integrity. The revenue will certainly afford it at present, and unless some calamity should happen he saw no reason why it should not increase year by year. Railways in Victoria, which cost £26,000 per mile, were yielding three and a half per cent, on the total cost of construction; surely, therefore, it was very little to expect in this country, where the average cost was only about £6,000 per mile, that they will pay well. Personally, he was satisfied that at the rates people here are able to pay, the railways will yield a considerable revenue.

PROVINCIAL AND COLONIAL.

The Act to regulate the plans of towns comes into force on January 1, 1876, after which time no towns are to be laid off on any Waste Lands (viz., lands of the Crown) with streets less than 99ft in breadth. Every such town is also to have reserves for recreation grounds not less in area than one-tenth of the whole area of the town, and no case of less area than 12½ square chain. No cemetery is to be allowed within the town, but there must always be a reserve of one acre in every town as an endowment or the municipality, and also reserves for gravel pits and quarries (if possible), and for rubbish deposits, the last to be on the opposite side of the town from which the prevailing wind blows. All plans are to be first approved by the Governor, and streets are to be as nearly as possible in straight lines, and at right angles to each other.

It is not often we hear of such passage as the Adamant had to the Bluff. It appears the late Captain Birch was much addicted to drink, and was never a dry sober up to the time of his death. He left the ship sailing about the coast of Brazil for about three weeks, and at last got sideways on to a sandbank within hail of the shore, and so close that some of the natives walked up to the ship and conversed with those on board. The passengers were at last driven to desperation by his conduct, and nearly all signed a petition for him to give up the command to the first mate. We are informed that on receipt of this, Captain Birch came on deck—his first appearance for a week—and said that "before he was done with them he would put them in a dark hole." Shortly afterwards he died, and the first mate took charge and brought the ship safely into port—not a day too soon, for their provisions were nearly exhausted, and would not have lasted another fortnight. As it was, they had run out of flour and sundry other things.

At Lyttelton last week a little boy, named Larriman, died through swallowing a gooseberry. From the evidence of the child's mother at the inquest, it appeared that the child choked through swallowing four green gooseberries while she was out of the room. Mrs Larriman succeeded in extracting three of the gooseberries from the throat, but failed to remove the fourth. She at once started to take the child to the Christchurch Hospital, but before reaching there the child expired. A *post mortem* examination showed that death resulted from suffocation, caused by the gooseberry obstructing the throat. A verdict of "Accidental death" was returned.

MAGISTRATE'S COURT.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1875.

(Before W. Lawrence Simpson, Esq., R.M.) J. Holliday forfeited 20s bail for his appearance to answer a charge of intoxication.

Police v. W. H. Whetter.—Charge of allowing a cow to stray within the Municipal bounds.—Fined 2s 6d, with costs.

Same v. C. Thomas, and Mrs Hutton.—Similar complaint and a like penalty inflicted in each case.

Same v. H. Tobin.—Charge of owning a vicious dog.—Adjourned for one week.

CIVIL CASES.

(Hillenstein and Co. v. E. Thompson.—Action to recover £40 11s 1d, value of goods sold and delivered. £10 had been paid into Court, and judgment for the balance, with costs, went by default.

Same v. R. Joblin.—Action to recover value of goods supplied, £8 7s. Judgment by default.

Colclough (Town Clerk) v. Marsh.—In this case judgment in which had been reserved for a week, his Worship intimated that on one important point he found plaintiff must be non-suited; but in the absence of defendant he (the Magistrate) would delay giving judgment at length till next week, to allow him to appear.

WARDEN'S COURT.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1875.

(Before W. L. Simpson, Esq., Warden.)

Joseph L. Moore v. Carrick Range Water Co.—A complaint that the defendants did, on or about 26th November last, unlawfully interfere with plaintiff's licensed water-race by diverting the water from the creek from which plaintiff's race is supplied, thus preventing same from entering plaintiff's race; wherefore he claimed that defendants pay £10 damages and be adjudged to desist from such interference.

Mr Wilson, for defendants, pleaded general denial. Plaintiff, in the absence of another solicitor, requested the Warden to allow Mr Colclough to act on his behalf.

The Warden, while desirous of protecting the profession, at the same time was willing to assist solicitors who were unable to procure legal aid, and therefore in this case he had no objection to Mr Colclough appearing. At the same time it was distinctly understood that he would allow no one to act in his Court whose every-day life was not above reproach.

Mr Colclough then stated plaintiff's case at some length, and examined his client in the witness-box. Briefly, plaintiff's case was that he was entitled to one head of water in Smith's gully, but instead of getting it he had for some time been served at the will of defendants, who diverted the whole of the water in the creek into their race, which was higher up the gully than plaintiff's. For want of the water he had not been able to work, and was prevented from letting the water to advantage.

After hearing evidence the Warden gave judgment for plaintiff, awarding £2 10s damages and ordering defendants to desist from further interference and to pay costs.

APPLICATIONS.

Extended Claims.—A. Parker and another, 2 acres, Schoolhouse Hill objected to by M'Donald and party.—Granted, subject to the right of objectors to carry their race through.

Protection.—Francis Skinner, 90 days, claim, Bailey's—granted 60 days; W. Anderson and another, 90 days, claim, Pipelcay gully—granted 60 days; Charles Green, and another, 90 days, claim, Adams's gully—granted 30 days; C. W. Daniels and five others, 90 days, claim, Upper Bendigo—granted.

Tail Race.—A. Parker and others, from claim, Schoolhouse Hill. Objected by School Committee and withdrawn. W. Anderson, Bailey's gully—granted.

Residence Areas.—A. Cameron, 1 acre, Shepherd's Creek—granted; John Taylor, 1 acre, near Standard battery.—Adjourned for enquiries by Warden.

The *Chronicle* of Saturday last reports that on the previous day some shearers crossing from Ida Valley to Linburn discovered the dead body of a man, lying about twenty yards off the road, on the brink of a small stream about three miles from Drunken Women's Creek, and ten from Black Ball. The body was found to be in a state of decomposition, and half naked. There was no coat, only vest, and no boots on, but a pair of new ones lying near. Apparently the dead body must have lain there about two months. Maori hens were lurking about, and marks of their work were appallingly visible. Some traveller must have sunk and perished on the lonely road,—a sad end for any one far from friend or foe.

SAN FRANCISCO MAIL.

LONDON, November 8.

The Admiralty has acquitted Sir W. Tatton and Captain Hickley from responsibility in the sinking of the *Vanguard*.

A disastrous flood in India rendered 20,000 persons homeless.

Explorers on board the *Pandora* discovered the graves of three of Sir John Franklin's men on Beach Island.

Davis and wife, of Toronto, the abortionists, have been sentenced to be hung.

The Crown Prince of Germany is to visit the Exhibition at Philadelphia. A German squadron will form the escort.

Toronto is in the hands of a gang of ruffians, who are committing depredations in every direction.

Recent storms on the English coast have been terribly destructive.

Stanley has been very successful in his explorations in Central Africa.

The King of Greece decorated all the Prince of Wales's party during their visit to Greece.

The King and Queen of Denmark and Princess Thyra intend visiting England in a short time.

The latest mail advices from England contain gloomy reports. During the recent floods in the Midland Counties, at Nottingham 13 persons were drowned, more than 3000 houses were inundated, and 50 factories stopped. Near Oxford, the railway lines are inundated with water, and the village of Bathenay is entirely flooded. At Burton-on-Trent, six persons were drowned, and at Derby the water is still several feet deep in the streets. Above Gainsborough, the Trent has burst its banks, and all the surrounding country is flooded. The loss of property is enormous. The main line of the Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire Railroad was washed away. All traffic was stopped for a time.

Scientific observation stations are to be established in the Arctic and Antarctic Oceans.

England snubs Russia as to interfering in Turkish matters.

Colonel Cowen, of New York, has been asked by the British Government to undertake the work of raising the *Vanguard*.

The great Roman wrestle at the Grand Opera House, New York, was won by Miller, the Australian champion.

A large number of heavy failures are reported in New York.

A great Fenian demonstration is to take place in New York on the 23rd November, in honor of the Fenian prisoners hanged at Manchester.

The indictments were sustained against the great firm of H. S. Clafin and Co., New York, charged with smuggling.

The steamship *Pacific*, of the Goodall, Nelson, and Perkins line, was lost forty miles south of Cape Flattery, with the loss of all hands except one, on the 4th November. Henry Frederick Jelley, the survivor, states that he took passage on board in British Columbia, at Victoria, for San Francisco. There were about 200 persons on board. Between 8 and 9 o'clock she came into collision with a vessel, and shortly after sank. Lashing himself to a piece of wreck he floated for some days, when he was picked up by the ship *Messenger*, and landed at Port Townsend. There is a general impression that Jelley labors under a delusion in stating that the *Pacific* came into collision with a vessel. It is more likely she struck on a sunken rock. The cargo was worth 25,000 and the vessel 100,000 dollars. There are faint hopes of any other survivors. A steamer has been dispatched for enquiry and to search. Jelley, when picked up, was in a very low state, with his limbs terribly bruised from buffeting on the sea while on a raft for 36 hours. The *Pacific* was built at New York in 1851, and until a year ago was owned by the Pacific Mail Company. She was 876 tons register. Captain J. Howell was commander, 35 years old, and for several years master.

A duel occurred at New York in a top floor, 106, Delaney-street, between two Polish Jews, named Joseph Goldman and Moses Piscalt. Goldman was shot, and instantly killed; Piscalt was mortally wounded. They were partners as jewellers, and the tragedy is supposed to have arisen out of a business quarrel.

A horrible murder has been committed at Springfield, Missouri. A woman named Comins went into a room where her husband, James Comins, was sleeping, and seizing an axe, split his skull, killing him instantly; after which she attempted to murder her little daughter, but the child made her escape to the house of a neighbor.

PRICES CURRENT.—The following quotations made by W. TALBOYS in *Clothing*.—Colonial Tweed Trowsers, 13/6; Trowsers and vest 25/; Moles, 8/6; Knitted Drawers, 6/6; Flannels, 6/6; Crimceans, 7/6; Plaid and Tweed Shirts, 8/6. Drapery.—Winceys, 1/-; All-wool Plaids, 2/; French Merinos, 2/6; Fancy Dresses, 13/6; Flannel, 1/9; Holland, 1/10; Calico, 7/1; Blankets, 17/6. Boots.—Watertights, 18/6; Elastic Sides, 14/6; Boys' Nailed Lace-up, 8/6; Ladies' Boots, 6/; Children's, 5/—W. TALBOYS, London House, Cromwell.

Holloway's Pills.—The medicine most in repute for curing the multifarious maladies which attack humanity, when wet and cold weather gives place to more genial temperatures. In short, these Pills never fail to afford relief in all the disturbances of circulation, digestion, and nervous energy, which at times oppress a vast portion of the population. Under the wholesome, purifying, and strengthening powers exerted by the excellent Pill the tongue becomes clean, the appetite improves, digestion is quickened, and assimilation rendered perfect.

The Twelve Apostles.

In the early days of the Arrow goldfield, when gold was easily obtained, general and extravagant indulgence in strong drink was common, and some votaries of the jolly god more infatuated than the rest entered into a compact with each other under the above title. They agreed to share their earnings, excepting so much as would suffice for food and clothing, and to devote them to the purchase of firewater. They had a hut at Mac-town which they termed "the dead-house," and in this place most of their orgies were and are (by a remnant, even while I write) still held. As these men have kept together until lately, their knowledge of the field has always enabled them to get gold, especially because as long as any of them had a payable claim the rest would stick in to it until it was exhausted. When gold failed they would go to their storekeeper, Mr W. T. Smith (a man who would not sell them drink, but who would trust them for boots and clothing, as well as food, and whom they always made a point of paying), and get goods from him, which they would either sell to the Chinese, for a trifling, or exchange with other parties for drink, at a frightful discount. In consequence of these practises the apostles have had to work through the bitter winters here, and in the cold water of the creek, in rags and almost without shoes; while their general style of living was such that only men of iron constitutions could have endured. Still they have adhered to their programme, and were never so happy as when a good find of gold enabled them to have a week or two's solid drinking, to which they became so inured that a bottle of spirits only served for three drinks, while a few gallons of strong spirits would be swallowed in a short space of time, with but little results than making them anxious for more. One instance out of scores which happened only a few months ago will serve to illustrate the working of this silly and vicious organisation better than any amount of description. One of the apostles was employed to pack some grog over to the Matahipu. He was generally employed in packing, and had always proved trustworthy. On his road he met "the King" of the Apostles, who induced him to give a taste of the grog, when the pair camped on the mountain side, where they remained for three days with nothing but a few gallons of grog, which was quite finished when the owner came to search for his man, and they begged him to go and fetch them some drink. The expedients they have adopted from time to time for drink would fill a volume—giving old miners' rights in the dark for pound notes, bits of lead and tinfoil for shillings and half-crowns, shaking other drunken men by the heels until their money rolled out, when they would pick it up, selling their food and clothing, are only a few of these. This account is so far from an exaggeration that it only faintly shadows forth the manner in which the principles of the organisation have been carried out for numbers of years. Only two or three of the apostles now remain here; the diggings have been so thoroughly worked out that even they can scarcely find enough gold to give them a week's spree. While I write two of them are drinking in the "dead-house" in a melancholy and dreary fashion, as they have become so inured to drink that it does not even exhilarate for a time; still they will continue at it as long as they can get any. They're ragged and haggard, and yet one of them offered to sell his coat yesterday for a few shillings, although the weather is bitterly cold. Some of the apostles have perished from exposure and accident through drink; others have gone away. One of them is reported to have become a Good Templar, but the king and two or three followers still remain in this neighborhood, while circumstances compel them to be more sober than they used to be. The officers consist of a Secretary and "the King." The number of Apostles has always been limited to twelve eligible swipers, having only been added to from time to time to fill vacancies. When of gold they have been known to spend £20 in a week in fire-water, something similar to the article which exterminates the red Indian.—Star.

We note a statement that the widely-known racehorse Tambourini has been sold recently for £300. He goes into Bob Ray's stable.

A writer in the British and Foreign Evangelical Review points out that the Jews in modern times have acquired an influential place in European politics. The Premier of England is a Jew. In France, the late Minister of Public Worship and Education, Jules Simon, and the ex-Dictator, Gambetta, are Jews. The most powerful statesman in the German Empire, next to Prince Bismarck, is Lasker the Jew, the leader of the National-Liberal party in the Imperial Diet. In the little Hanseatic republic of Hamburg more than two-thirds of the House of Representatives are Jews, and he might have added that the Premier statesman of New Zealand is a Jew.

An interesting but melancholy discovery was made the other day at the foot of Mount Blanc. A block of ice, separated from the mass of the mountain by the thaw, rolled down into the valley. Upon closer inspection it was found to contain enclosed the remains of the American, Job Blackford, who about three years since attempted an ascent, and has never since been heard of. He evidently met with his death on that occasion, and has since lain in his cold crystallised coffin, which has preserved his body and clothing admirably. When found his features were unchanged, and he might have breathed his last only half-an-hour before.

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The course of education will embrace Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, Bookkeeping, English Grammar, the Use of Globes, Geometry (Euclid), Trigonometry, Mensuration, Algebra,

CROMWELL COMMONAGE.

NOTICE TO STOCK-OWNERS.

All persons using the Commonage by running great or small Cattle thereon are required to forward Particulars of Number, Description, Brands, etc., to the Clerk to the Board of Wardens, on or before 1st January, 1876.

CHAS. COLCLOUGH,
Clerk to the Board.

PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT.

GRAND BAZAAR

AND

FANCY FAIR.

A GRAND BAZAAR AND FANCY FAIR,

In aid of the funds of the Catholic Church and School, Cromwell, will be held in the

ATHENÆUM HALL,

ON

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY,

28th and 29th December, 1875.

Those persons who will kindly contribute will be waited on by the Committee in due course.

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COMMERCIAL AND PREPARATORY,

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Natural Philosophy

English and French Literature

Latin and Greek Classics

Ancient and Modern History.

The more advanced pupils will be taught from time to time by means of debates to discuss subjects adapted to their age and studies.

Special attention will be paid to Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, English Composition, Bookkeeping, Mensuration,—branches of the utmost importance in giving a sound and practical commercial education.

An anxious interest will be taken to advance the peculiar views of the parents, and to prepare the pupils in the shortest time for the positions in life for which they may be intended.

Owing at present to limited school accommodation, early application will be necessary either personally or by letter to

D. DESMOND, Esq.,

Principal; or to

REV. T. KENOUE,

Adu., Cromwell.

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J. D. FERAUD

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AROMATIC TONIC BITTER WINES, which are not only agreeable beverages, but also have excellent medicinal qualities. The following is Professor Black's report:—

"University, Dunedin, Otago, N.Z.

"Laboratory.

"Class—Beverages.

"November 5, 1875.

"I have examined for Mr J. D. Feraud, of Monte Christo, Clyde, Otago, two samples of Aromatic Tonic Bitters, with the following result:—No. 827 is a sherry colored, and No. 828 is a port wine red colored liquid; they are both perfectly transparent, showing the purity of the water and other substances employed in their manufacture.

"These two beverages have a slight acid chemical reaction, and possess an agreeable cool bitter taste, blended with a sensation of sweetness, arising from the saccharine matter of the fruit of which they are the fermented extract.

"I have also examined the aromatic and other flavoring substances used by Mr Feraud in their manufacture, and from the proportions in which they are blended with the fruit wine, they must be pronounced perfectly safe, and free from anything like deleterious properties.

"I consider these wines, therefore, an agreeable and perfectly safe beverage, and when diluted with three or four times their bulk of water, they will make a good cooling summer drink.

"JAMES G. BLACK,

"Provincial Analyst."

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MINING LEASES REGULATIONS

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR LEASE.

PROVINCE OF OTAGO, NEW ZEALAND.

Cromwell, November 17, 1875.

To W. L. SIMPSON, Esq.

Sir,—I have this day paid to the District Surveyor the sum required for the survey of the following gold mining lease application, as required by the Gold Mining Leases Regulations of Otago, and I agree, upon the approval of this application, to execute a lease upon the bases therein stated, if the Governor or his Delegate shall think fit to grant the same.—I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,

JOHN BARNET NEAL.

Name and address in full of applicant.—John Barnet Neal, Skippers Creek.

Style under which it is intended to conduct the business.—Co-operative Party.

Extent of land applied for.—About 4 acres.

Minimum number of men to be employed by the lessee.—For the first six months, protection will be required to procure machinery; subsequently, when in full work, three men.

Amount of capital proposed to be invested.—£1000.

Proposed mode of working the land.—Crushing and reducing machinery.

Precise locality.—Immediately below Cromwell Company's machine.

Term for which lease is required.—5 years.

Time of commencing operations.—7 months.

The above application and any objection thereto will be heard before me, at Cromwell, on Jan. 21, 1876. Any person desiring to object to the issue of a mining lease upon the above application, must, within 64 clear days from the date of such application, enter his objection at my office.

(Signed) W. L. SIMPSON,

Warden.

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will cause my life hereafter to be happy, aking
me say with the proverb—"Rejoice, O Young
Man, in thy Youth."

"Look then into thy heart and write,"
for hundreds have written to me when it
has been too late, and who, in place of having
"Children like olive-branches round about their
table," have their homes desolate, an feel it a
reproach upon their manhood to live.

"Look then into thy heart and write," and
remember that "As thy days, so shall thy
strength be," and that by writing own your
case, no eyes but my own see it, that is to say
mentally and physically can be given to you and
that in place of sinking into a dismored and
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should be well rubbed upon the neighbouring
parts, when all obnoxious matter will be removed,
a poultice of bread and water may sometimes
be applied at bed-time with advantage; the most
scrupulous cleanliness must be observed. If
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tion and subduing pain in these complaints in the
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drive all inflammation and depravities from the
system, subdue and remove all enlargement of the
joints, and leave the sinews and muscles lax and
uncontracted. A cure may always be effected
even under the worst circumstances, if the use
of these medicines be persevered in.

Sore Throats, Diphtheria, Quinsay, Mumps,
and all other Derangements of the
Throat.

On the appearance of any of these maladies, the
Ointment should be well rubbed, at least thrice
a day, upon the neck and upper part of the chest
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